

**Report to Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight
November 20, 2008
2009 LEGISLATIVE STUDIES**

STUDY	AGENCY	CURRENT PROGRESS
1. Study a requirement which would allow the employer contribution to any HSA plan offered to state employees to be equal to the employer contribution to any other state health benefit plan offered to state employees. Report on the mechanisms for depositing the cost savings in the employee's Health Savings Account	KHPA	Information presented by Doug Farmer at the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight on August 14, 2008
2. Study allowing the Inspector General to keep a portion of the moneys recovered from persons committing Medicaid fraud	KHPA	Collecting information from other states
3. Study modernizing Medicaid benefits and payment policies to encourage wellness, efficiency, and aligning payment policies with Medicare payment policies	KHPA	A rate reimbursement survey was sent to other states and the results summarized to compare Kansas to other states. Wellness initiatives in other states have been collected.
4. Study allowing Medical Assistance recipients whose assistance has ceased to purchase coverage for up to three years	KHPA	Not yet started
5. Study the experiences of other states in Medicaid reform	KHPA	Draft complete and being reviewed internally
6. Study long-term care in Medicaid reform	KDOA	Dept. on Aging is preparing a similar report for another bill; will use it for this study also
7. Study waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid reform	OIG original primary author—study reassigned to KHPA	KHPA Medicaid Surveillance and Utilization Review System Manager is collecting information from the Medicaid Integrity Institute.
8. Study Health Opportunity Accounts in Medicaid reform	KHPA	Collecting information.
9. Study other Medicaid reforms allowed by federal law	KHPA	Draft complete and being reviewed internally
10. Study individual and small business tax credits to expand affordable commercial insurance	KDOR	Received information from other state revenue departments on the tax credits available for health care insurance and in the process of getting that information assembled and summarized.

11. Study encouragement of HSAs, HDHPs, and Section 125 plans to expand affordable commercial insurance	KID	
12. Study allowing insurers to provide incentives in return for participation in programs promoting wellness, health, and disease prevention to expand affordable commercial insurance	KID	
13. Study allowing insurers to offer young adult policies with limited benefits and reduced premiums to expand affordable commercial insurance	KHPA's Small Business Health Insurance Task Force/KID	Schramm-Raleigh Health Strategies performing economic modeling
14. Study changes to the KHIA plans and eligibility and use of reinsurance mechanisms to expand affordable commercial insurance	KHPA's Small Business Health Insurance Task Force/KHIA Primary author KHIA after Small Business Health Insurance Task Force policy selection did not include the High Risk Pool	KID notified KHIA related to primary authorship change
15. Study small business health policies including the creation of a Small Business Health Policy Committee, allowing very small employers to obtain health insurance and making health insurance more affordable for small businesses and employees to expand affordable commercial insurance	KHPA's Small Business Health Insurance Task Force	Schramm-Raleigh Health Strategies performing economic modeling
16. Study the health manpower health reform issue	Physician Workforce & Accreditation Task Force	Task force met 10/21-22; will meet 11/24 & 12/9
17. Study the physical fitness in schools health reform issue	KDHE	Draft being written that will focus on: Current requirement for physical education in Kansas schools -Current Kansas and national data related to physical education and activity -Research that correlates fitness to academic achievement supporting physical activity in schools -The history of model Wellness Policy Development in Kansas

		(specifically the policies related to physical activity) -The Kansas Coordinated School Grant program and how it intersects with School Wellness Policies in the area of physical activity -How state investment in Coordinated School Health will improve opportunities for physical activity in schools
18. Study the transparency health reform issue	KHPA	Preliminary draft developed
19. Study a statutory committee on health futures health reform issue	KHPA	Not yet started
20. SB 511 – Study coverage of bariatric surgery in SEHP – due Nov. 1	KHPA	Emphasize preventive care Develop recommendation for HCC to cover in the SEHP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Medicare coverage as a starting point • Work with weight loss & surgical experts to target who can benefit most • Consider Medicaid coverage if \$ available